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We wish all our Readers a Merry Christmas and Peace and Prosperity in the Coming Year.

DEFINITE ALLIANCE MADE BETWEEN THE UKRAINE AND KALDINES COSSACK LEADER

FORMER MAINTAINING DETERMINED STAND AGAINST BOL-SHEVIKI GOVERNMENT.

ODESSA HAS GONE OVER TO THE FORCES IN OPPOSITION TO LENINE.

London, December 22.—The Reds, the governing body of the Ukraine apparently is maintaining its determined stand toward the Bolshevik government. It is reported that it has converted its sympathies with the movement of General Kaldines, the Cossack leader, into a definite alliance.

Advices received from Russia are to the effect that the Bolshevik commission after receiving the Reds' rejection of the Bolshevik ultimatum, sent another one, giving the Ukraine a further forty-eight hours in which to reconsider its refusal to acquiesce in the demands of the Bolshevik government.

ODESSA AGAINST LENINE.

Another report received here says that Odessa has definitely gone over to the side of the Ukraine. According to details of the capture of the town of Don printed in Petrograd, there were six days of fighting before the Cossacks entered the town last Saturday. The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 100 wounded in the fighting. The Cossacks gave slight rights to the Red Guard, whom they hate. The Bolshevik chiefs fled the town on board warships. The cruiser Kolkidra grounded in the river and was destroyed by Cossack artillery. There has been no important fighting at Nakhichevan, province of the Don, where the Bolshevik troops have fraternized with the Cossacks. A clash has occurred between the Bolsheviks and Ukrainians at Bolgrad, Besarabia. The town is on fire.

HILL TRIBES HAVE RISEN.

The Terek and Kuban Cossacks are reported to be expelling trouble in their territory, the hill tribes of the Northern Caucasus having arisen. Some of the Cossacks in the Don territory are dissatisfied with their leaders. It is said. Combating reports in circulation that the Bolshevik commissioners have refused to convene the constituent assembly, Moses Uritsky, commissioner for elections to the assembly has issued a manifesto in which he gives assurance that the assembly will be summoned as soon as the 400 deputies have registered themselves at his bureau.

It is said that a great quantity of valuable property has been taken from houses of the rich in Petrograd by the mobs that have been searching for liquor.

ROYALISTS TO ENTER FIELD.

An official report is to the effect that Grand Duke Nicholas, the former Russian general, whose masterful retreat from the Carpathians, and his later successful operations against the Turks stamped him as one of the great commanders of the war, has formed a great army of royalists in the Caucasus region.

KRUPP WORKS ON FIRE

LARGEST PLANT IN GERMANY FOR MANUFACTURE OF ARMS 70,000 PERSONS EMPLOYED.

Maestricht, Holland, December 22.—Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krupp plant, the German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for twenty-four hours.

MARRIAGE

At the Manor, Red Deer, on Thursday, December 20th, by the Rev. W. G. Brown, Miss Pauline Johanna Sveinson, of Burnt Lake, to Mr. Chas. Christopher Ross, of Innisfail.

On Saturday the 22nd December, at 8 o'clock, Mr. C. C. Bremner, of North Battle Collegiate Institute, and Irene Florence, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. Carmichael, of Strathcona, were united in marriage by Dr. Miller, of Robertson College, at the home of the bride's parents, 10579, 81st Avenue, Edmonton. The happy couple are spending Christmas with Mrs. Bremner in the city.

FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS FOR 1918

At the annual meeting of the Red Deer Fire Brigade, the following officers were elected for 1918:

Asst. Chief—R. Jones.
Hose Wagon Capt.—E. Martin.
Ladder Truck Capt.—H. Russell.
Chemical Capt.—C. Pacher.
No. 1 Branchman—T. Swanaway.
No. 2 Branchman—E. Haste.
No. 1 Hydrantman—P. Fehl.
No. 2 Hydrantman—A. Bullock.
Chemical Branchman—J. Teeling.
Secretary-Treasurer—H. Harvey.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CANTATA

"Santa Claus had an awful accident," was coming from Toyland in his aeroplane when it hit the top of an iceberg, his machine sliding into the water with what few toys it contained. Santa Claus was hurt a little himself, but not disabled. Merry Christmas and her allies, however, came to the rescue and each gave him or her best towards Christmas time, because they understood that all Santa's stock of toys had gone down with this aeroplane. When Santa arrived he told them that, luckily, he had sent his toys ahead by Reindeer Express so that a tragedy had been averted.

The above is the interesting story contained in the Cantata put on by members of the Methodist Sunday School. The singing in this production was delightful. Other attractive items on the program were the drill by the Sunday School children, the choruses by the whole Sunday School and by the tiny tots.

ROCKY MT. HOUSE

It is true that Bert is to be the future (as) Superintendent of Forestry, Postmaster, and Dominion Sub Land Agent under the prospective Liberal government? or, otherwise, is the report correct that he has been awarded his new cellar recently dug for the purpose to calm his ruffled feelings, and cool off some of the excitement engendered by his attempted osculatory farewell of the present occupant of one of those offices referred to.

Messrs. Stanley Wilson, B. J. Russell, and C. I. Edwards were visitors to Prairie Creek on Thursday last. They enjoyed the entertainment and dance, and were told in their praise of the way Miss Cook had the children trained.

Smith Bros. have decided that it will not pay to run a lumber camp this winter, so they are bidding us farewell on Saturday morning, December 22. Mr. Albert Parsons has returned to the Creek to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

The teachers of the Rocky Mountain House school are to be congratulated on the splendid manner in which the children performed at their concert in the Oddfellows' Hall on Friday last.

Will some one please shed light on the reports which we heard from Bingley?

Mr. A. Brockman and family left on Saturday morning for Haines, Alta., where they intend to reside in the future.

GRAND DUKE AND KERENSKY EACH LEADING AN ARMY.

London, Dec. 19.—A belated dispatch from the Russian Embassy at Petrograd announces that the ultimatum to the Ukrainians was accompanied by a proclamation recognizing without conditions or restrictions the right of Ukrainians to separate from Russia and form its own republican government.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Haparanda reports that Kerensky with an army is now marching against Moscow, while Grand Duke Nicholas has gathered a great army of royalists in the Caucasus.

PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TO MEN

Peace, Peace on earth! Goodwill to men! O strong, O sweet, O clear,
The bells ring out! "help me," she prayed, "to swell the song of cheer.
O, Christ Child, touch this heart of mine and heal it of its pain,
For one, the bonniest of the flock, who sleeps in Flanders' Plain,
Let me forget my grief and put my bitterness away
Swell Thy glad song of Love and Peace this glorious Christmas Day!"
Thus kneeling in the rose of dawn the weeping mother prayed,
And Christ the Healer, Comforter, this tender answer made:

No mother prays in vain to me
On this day of the year,
For when the faltering words she speaks
Fall on my listening ear
I do remember that my cheek
Lay on a bosom warm,
I do remember Bethlehem
And Mary's cradling arm!"

JEAN BLEWETT.

KIRKLAND-MICHENER

A very pretty house wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Michener, First Street North, on Thursday afternoon, when their youngest daughter, Edna Mae Michener, was united in marriage to Herbert Williams Kirkland, of Sheridan, Montana. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward S. Bishop. The house was very beautifully decorated for the Christmas wedding occasion with roses and carnations and green, and relatives and friends gave their heartiest benedictions for the occasion. Mrs. Ed. Michener and Miss Michener, both very pretty girls, were the bridesmaids. The young couple were attended by Vida Kirkland as flower girl and Glenn Michener as ring bearer. The bride was dressed in white satin, with flowers, and was a very charming picture.

After the ceremony refreshments were served, and the many nice gifts admired. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland left on the evening train for Edmonton, but will spend Christmas at Red Deer on their way home across the line, where the best wishes of many friends will follow them.

SPRINGVALE.

The Red Deer East-Personage Aid held a very successful social and sale of work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Comfort on Thursday evening, December 14. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was smaller than would otherwise have been, and some of the splendidly arranged program did not materialize. However, those who did brave the storm gave us a treat. Miss Gwen Richards sang two much appreciated solos, and Miss F. Whippley entertained with some splendid recitations. Rev. Mr. Finley gave a reading entitled "The Parable of the White Elephant Sale." The juveniles substituted for the rest of the program with much credit to Clearview. Mary and Bennie Comfort, Clare and Verne Spiers, and Dorothy and Edna Trimble did their part creditably. A home made candy table, a table of useful articles, and a white elephant table, were very much in evidence, all of which brought good results. The credit for the success of the evening is due to Mr. and Mrs. Comfort for their kindness and hospitality, and to Mrs. B. C. Trimble, Mrs. Jas. Spiers, and Mrs. Jarvis, the committee in charge.

The Springvale Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday evening of this week. A good program is being arranged by the pupils under the supervision of Miss Whelpley. All are cordially invited.

Mr. McGregor took the service at Springvale on Sunday afternoon, but on account of the heavy roads the service at Horn Hill was withdrawn.

Rev. R. E. Finley was conducting anniversary services at Elora and Huxley.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ESSENTIAL TO AN ENDURING PEACE

LORD ROBERT CECIL THINKS IT MUST ESSENTIALLY BE ONE OBJECT OF ANY FUTURE PEACE.

London, December 20.—Speaking in the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said he did not believe any member of the government advocated an economic war after the war, but could not agree that Great Britain should go short of raw materials for the sake of supplying Germany. He could not state the ultimate terms of peace that the British seek, but was convinced that Britain would never abandon underlings given to the allies. He looked forward to a stronger alliance of Great Britain and the allies with the United States.

A league of nations must be one object of any peace, the minister declared. He would not remain a member of any government which did not make the establishment of such a league one of its main objects.

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE.

A watch-night service will be held at St. Luke's Church on December 31, at 11:30 p.m., lasting until just after midnight.

MARATHON, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Local sportsmen will be delighted to learn that the managers of the local Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests Club propose to stage an exciting handicap road race on New Year's morning at 10 a.m. The boys are hardening up daily, and the competition for the cup and prizes promises to be very keen. The boys deserve the support of citizens generally. They will no doubt call on you for a small donation for the purpose of buying trophies and prizes. Give them a boost. A number of entries have been received from outside points, besides a number in the city, amounting to about thirty, and the Returned Veterans' Club has offered to help the Standard Efficiency Tests people in their efforts to make this road race a success.

ANNUAL MEETING OF U.F.A.

The annual meeting of the Red Deer branch of the U.F.A. will be held at the office of the Smith Land Company, Ross Street, on Saturday afternoon next, December 29, at 2:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present as election of officers will take place.

WHOLE DOMINION EXCEPTING QUEBEC GOES BONE DRY

DRASTIC LIQUOR ORDINANCE PASSED BY UNION GOVERNMENT AFFECTING WHOLE OF CANADA.

Ottawa, December 22.—Official announcement was made by the prime minister at noon today of the prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquors into Canada after Monday next. The only exception is in the case of purchases made before that date.

"On December 17 the people gave to the government an unmistakable mandate for the vigorous prosecution of the war and for the employment of all the country's energies and resources necessary to achieve victory. It is essential and indeed vital for the official conduct of the war that waste of liquor or unnecessary expenditure should be prohibited and that all articles capable of being utilized as food should be conserved. It is beyond question that the use of liquor affects adversely the realization of this purpose."

The subject has been under consideration by the war committee of the cabinet and the following conclusions have been reached:

"(1) Any liquor or beverage containing more than 2 1/2 per cent. alcohol shall be regarded as intoxicating liquor."

"(2) That importation of intoxicating liquor into Canada is prohibited on and after December 24, 1917, unless it shall have been actually purchased on or before that date for importation into Canada, and unless, having been so purchased, it is imported into Canada not later than the 31st day of January, 1918. The final determination upon any question respecting such purchases shall rest with the minister of customs. This regulation shall not apply to importations for medicinal, sacramental, manufacturing, or chemical purposes."

"(3) The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor is illegal will be prohibited on and after April 1, 1918."

"(4) The manufacture of intoxicating liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and consideration of the actual conditions of the industry."

"As above mentioned, the prohibition of importation becomes effective on Monday next, December 24."

"The regulations to carry into effect the other provisions above mentioned are being prepared and they will be enacted under the war measures act."

CURLING NOTES

Play has started at the Rink and the President versus Vice-President game which has been played, has resulted in a win for the Vice-President by a small margin.

Two games have been played for the Club Cup, when Rutherford defeated Johns and Fulton defeated Fowler. The next draw will be Wednesday night after Christmas.

GRADE V. EXAMS.

The following are the names of those who made 70 per cent. and over on the December examinations:

Eleanor Galbraith.
James Mosley.
Phyllis Bottrell.
Doris Gamble.
Glen Jones.
Kathryn Bishop.
Helen Brown.
Arthur Davidson.
Edna Welton.
Earl Stewart.
Gordon McKay.
Muriel Wilson.
Forbes Payne.
Susie Mosher.
Margaret Davidson.
Mary Page.
Miles Pixley.
Derek Glaze.
Russell Hogg.
Claire Pearce.
John Reed.
Fred McInosh.
Waldo Asmundson.
Kay Welliver.

HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

The High School Students, trained by their teachers, gave a very successful concert Thursday evening last. The concert was held with a twofold purpose, to amuse and to reward. The amusement consisted of two well-acted plays, a pantomime, and several musical numbers. The reward took the form of a medal presentation. The I.O.D.E. presented a medal to the pupil receiving the highest marks in history in the grade VII examinations. This medal was won by Marie Thompson, and was presented by Mrs. Welliver, the regent of the I.O.D.E. Medals were presented to the pupils earning highest marks in the June examinations for the four High School grades and grade VII.

The winner of the grade VIII medal was Vera French; of grade IX medal, Duncan Ramsey; of grade X, Alan Galbraith; of grade XI, Hilma Soeder; of grade XII, Ronald Miller. Sports medals were also presented, the names of winners in this branch were published some time ago.

The chairman, Mr. Locke, carried things along in fine style, and Mr. Munroe presented the medals with congratulatory remarks. The evening was closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

STARVATION IN AUSTRIA.

Geneva, Dec. 19.—Living proofs of the terrible economic conditions in Austria were furnished yesterday by the arrival at Buchs, on the frontier, of 576 suffering children between the ages of 7 and 18. The children had not tasted milk for months. They had received bread in insufficient amounts, stomach diseases resulting.

ST. LUKE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE.

St. Luke's Sunday School will hold their annual Christmas tree and prize giving on Thursday, December 27th. Children are asked to be there at 4:45 p.m. The tea will be followed by an entertainment to which parents and friends are cordially invited.

will be enacted under the war measures act.

MILITARY NOTES

T. J. Walton, Edwell, received word a short time ago that his brother Geo. A. Walton, who went over with a draft from Saskatoon, and was with the fighting 10th, was wounded in the elbow seriously and was in hospital in England.

Pte. H. M. Field, who went over with the 187th, and was wounded at Vimy Ridge in the shoulder and knee, is expected home shortly according to word received by Mrs. Field, who now resides in Red Deer.

Gunner W. J. Bottrell, of the 78th Battery, Calgary, was home over Christmas.

Word has been received that Corp. J. P. Edge, Partington, seriously ill with pneumonia back of the trenches in France, is improving.

Ernest John Runham, of Parkvale, Red Deer, is reported killed in action. The family at one time lived in Red Deer, and then removed to Calgary, but their present address is not known here.

Pte. John W. Griffin, brother of Ralph Griffin of this city, has been recommended for the military medal. He is a gunner, and when all his mates were either killed or wounded, kept his gun going by calling in recruits for 24 hours during one of the recent big battles.

Corp. Reg. Walton, who has been visiting his mother and brother here for the past week, left Saturday for Toronto, where he has to report again. He will not have to go back to England. It will be remembered that he had his feet frozen during the early stages of the war and for a long time he was laid up with them, but he is now pretty well recovered.

JOINING THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

Lester E. Stone, youngest son of Alderman H. G. Stone, has applied as a recruit for the Royal Flying Corps, has been accepted, and expects to leave for Winnipeg next week.

J. Arthur Carswell, who returned from the front last year after being wounded, has joined up with the Royal Flying Corps, and expects to leave for the east the beginning of the year.

Angus M. Martin, son of James Martin, residing west of the city, has made application for a position in the Royal Flying Corps. He will likely be accepted.

W. L. Warke, son of Capt. C. L. Warke, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Warke, of Pine Lake, who has been attending the Edmonton Technical High School for the last two years, has joined the Imperial Air Services, and is now at home on a short leave before he proceeds to Toronto to commence his training.

PENHOLD

The Penhold Red Cross Society sent a box of provisions down to the Ogden Hospital and wish to thank the following for their donations:

Mr. Hiram Marshall, 2 doz. eggs.
Mrs. J. Smith, 2 chickens.
Mr. W. Kennings, roast of pork.
Mrs. W. Walford, 1 fruit cake, sack of potatoes.
Mrs. Stevenette, 2 dollars.
Miss McAllister, Christmas cake and doughnuts.
Mrs. Pennington, 2 1/2 doz. eggs.
Mrs. W. Rodgers, 2 chickens.
Mrs. Reeves, cake.
Mrs. H. McDougall, 1 dollar.
Mrs. Hives, Christmas cake and two chickens.
Mrs. T. Stewart, piece pork and 1 lb butter.
Mrs. Quanz, magazines.
Mrs. A. W. Walker, Christmas cake.
Mrs. R. Dixon, roast of beef.
Mrs. Geo. Lowe, box of grapes.
Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kenny spent Christmas with friends in Calgary. Mrs. Kenny will remain during the holidays.

W. H. SCHULTZ UNDER ARREST AT NORTH PORTAL AS GERMAN SPY SUSPECT.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 20.—W. H. Schultz, said to be a resident of Sedgewick, Alberta, was arrested at North Portal, on the boundary line, today, according to information received by the United States consulate here. He is suspected of being a German spy.

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Synopsis of Canadian Northwest Land Regulations.

The sole head of a family, or any male over 15 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 50 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable ousa is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may preempt a quarter-section along-side his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Preemption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a preemption homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$500.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. CORRY, C.M.G.,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for—61388.

C. P. R. Time Table

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No. 521 (daily except Sundays)		10.55 11.00
No. 523 (daily)		16.40 16.45
SOUTHBOUND		
No. 526 (daily)		9.35 9.40
No. 522 (daily)		11.50 12.00
No. 524 (daily except Sundays)		18.25 18.30
No. 529, from Kerrobert, (daily except Sundays), 10K.		
No. 530, to Corralton and Kerrobert (daily except Sundays), 10K.		

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A LESSON IN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

It was the day before Christmas last year. All my shopping had been done (or so I thought) when I suddenly remembered hearing my oldest son, a lad of eight years, say, "Oh, I hope Santa will bring me a harmonica this Christmas," says a writer in the New York Evening Sun.

Of course I could not disregard such a wish, and, although it was raining I put on my storm coat and rubbers and with umbrella in hand started out for one of our large department stores.

On arriving at the counter where a particular article was displayed I found everyone so busy that I could not get attention for some time, and while waiting my turn I noticed two sadly neglected looking little boys of about six and eight years respectively standing very close to the counter and looking, oh, so longingly at these same harmonicas, when suddenly one of the young saleswomen turned sharply around and in a loud voice said, "Now then, if you two boys don't get away from here at once I'll call the floor-walker and have you arrested." At the time this sudden attack was made upon these poor little fellows, I was in my hands two of these same harmonicas, trying to decide which of the two kinds I should take.

The larger one of the two boys looked up at me with a sighing, "I would like to have one of those, but I can't steal anything," when I said, "Boys, would you like one of these harmonicas?" They said nothing, but the look of surprise, (gratitude they knew) when I put one into each boys dirty little hands I shall not forget to my dying day, and before you could say "Jack Robinson" they were turned to the young woman saying, "I will pay for them," when I noticed the tears in her eyes.

When she finally found her voice she said, "Oh, madam, I am so sorry I spoke as if to say, 'Oh, we didn't mean to steal anything,' when I said, 'Boys, would you like one of these harmonicas?' They said nothing, but the look of surprise, (gratitude they knew) when I put one into each boys dirty little hands I shall not forget to my dying day, and before you could say 'Jack Robinson' they were turned to the young woman saying, 'I will pay for them,' when I noticed the tears in her eyes.

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REVOLUTION IS DISCUSSED BY PEASOUPERS OF QUEBEC

ONE ADVOCATES PEACE FOR QUEBEC, THOUGH JUSTIFIED IN REVOLTING, AND ANOTHER HOLDS FOR DISSOLUTION.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Dr. Des Lauriers, the Liberal M.P. elect for St. Mary's division, this city, at a meeting tonight of the Garcon-Tascheaux club, declared that Quebec would have no revolution, though Quebec had been insulted and revolution provoked. He declared his undying antagonism to conscription and referred to the Military service act as "this infamous law."

Said he: I will never try to stop any man who wants to go, but I say for those who want to stay here, for the father who wants to keep his son that the boy belongs to him before belonging to foreign countries.

Touching on the elections of last Monday, he said the government has thrown into some counties armies of women to vote, and he could prove that young girls had voted at \$5 a head because they had sweethearts at the front. It was not an election, but a theft, he said.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR.
Dr. Des Lauriers is Mayor Mederic Martin's successor as representative for St. Mary's in parliament.

Notary L. L. Richard, another speaker at the Garcon-Tascheaux club gathering, declared that he wanted Quebec province separated from the rest of the country.

"I am one of those who want dissolution of the Confederation," he said, "It is time to say we have had enough of this Confederation, and we of Quebec for the glory of the country want to get rid of that damned yellow province, Ontario. If we were separated from Ontario, we could do more for the allies."

Notary Richard professed loyalty to the empire.

AMONG ROUMANIANS

Roumanian girls can learn, during the Christmas season whether or not they are going to be married within the coming year. At midnight they enter the stable and strike the foot of the first ox they come across, saying, "This year, next year, I will get up at the first stroke the girl will marry within the year; if it gets up at the second stroke the marriage will take place the year following; if it does not get up at all the gods have not yet decided on her wedding date.

GOOD SLOGAN.

"I wish we could have the elections along about Christmas time," said the astute politician.

Well, that's a poor time for a campaign," objected the unthinking person.

"Poor time?" responded the astute politician. "Why, just think of the party that set up the cry for the 'Full Christmas Stocking.'"

THE WONDERFUL FRUIT MEDICINE

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"FRUIT-A-LIVES," the marvelous medicine made from fruit juices—has relieved more cases of Stomach, Liver, Blood, Kidney and Skin Troubles than any other medicine. In severe cases of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Pain in the Back, Impure Blood, Neuritis, Chronic Headaches, Chronic Constipation and Headaches, "Fruit-a-lives" has given unusually effective results. By its cleansing, healing powers on the eliminating organs, "Fruit-a-lives" tones up and invigorates the whole system.

SOME NEW YEAR CUSTOMS

The sole record of the observance of New Year by the pilgrims in the new world, named New England, was most prosaic, most brief. "We went to work between," said Alice Morse Earle, the famous investigator of old-time American customs. Many of the good Puritan ministers thought the celebration or even notice of the day in any way savored of improper and unchristian reverence for the heathen god Janus. Yet they came from where the New Year was second in importance and in domestic observance only to Christmas. Throughout every English colony New Year's day was always celebrated. In many it was called by the pretty name of Hogmanay, a name of unknown and inexplicable derivation, and in Scotland it was regarded as the most popular of all the "draft days" as the Christmas holidays were termed.

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BOCHE FORGES ON WEST FRONT EQUAL TO ANY MUSTERED

ONLY ONE DIVISION SHORT OF HUN ARMY GATHERED FOR BIG OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Germany's strength on the Franco-British front in the west is equal to any mustered here today at 154 divisions or within one division of the great forces massed there last June when the German military effort against France was at its maximum.

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RESULT BY PROVINCES

	Union Lib.
Prince Edward Island	4
New Brunswick	7 4
Nova Scotia	5 9
Quebec	3 42
Ontario	72 10
Manitoba	13 1
Saskatchewan	16
Alberta	11 1
British Columbia	12 1
Yukon	—

Deferred—Yukon 1, Halifax City 2, The Pas (Manitoba) 1—4.
 The only seat carried against the Union government in Alberta was that of Victoria where White has a majority over Holden, Union, of about 600. It is doubtful whether the overseas vote will change this result.
 In British Columbia Prince Rupert alone has gone Liberal. The Unionists claim that the overseas vote will change the result.
 In Manitoba the French seat, Provencher, has gone Liberal.
 The overseas vote will make some changes against the Liberals in Ontario and the Maritime provinces.
 Sir Wilfrid received the news near Fort William on his way east from the Coast.

Below is a summary of constituencies carried by both parties, by provinces:

MANITOBA, UNIONISTS.
 Brandon—Dr. H. P. Widdien.
 Dauphin—R. Cruise (acc.).
 Ligar—F. R. Bolton.
 Macdonald—C. Henders.
 Marquette—Hon. T. A. Cregar.
 Neepawa—P. L. Davis.
 Portage in Prairie—Hon. Arthur Meighen.
 Selkirk—Thos. Hay.
 Souris—Dr. A. E. Finley (acc.).
 Springfield—R. L. Richardson.
 Winnipeg Centre—Major G. W. Andrews.
 Winnipeg North—Dr. M. R. Blake.
 Winnipeg South—G. W. Allan.
LIBERALS.
 Provencher—Dr. J. P. Molloy.

SASKATCHEWAN, UNIONISTS.
 Assiniboia—J. G. Turfitt.
 Battleford—W. O. Wright.
 Battleford North—C. E. Long.
 Humboldt—Col. N. Long.
 Kindersley—Dr. E. T. Myers.
 Last Mountain—F. J. Johnston (acc.).
 Mackenzie—G. W. MacPhee.
 Maple Creek—H. H. Maharg (acc.).
 Moose Jaw—Hon. J. A. Calder.
 Prince Albert—Andrew Knox.
 Qu'Appelle—Levi Thompson (acc.).
 Regina—Dr. W. D. Cowan.
 Saltcoats—Thos. MacNutt.
 Saskatoon—J. R. Wilson.
 Swift Current—E. Argus.
 Weyburn—R. Thompson (acc.).

ALBERTA, UNIONISTS.
 Battle River—W. J. Blair.
 Bow River—H. H. Halliday.
 Calgary West—Major D. L. Redman.
 Edmonton East—H. M. Mackie.
 Edmonton West—In doubt; Unionist leading.
 Lethbridge—W. A. Buchanan.
 Macleod—H. M. Shaw.
 Medicine Hat—Hon. A. L. Sifton.
 Red Deer—Dr. M. Clark.
 Strathcona—J. M. Douglas.

LIBERALS.
 Victoria—N. White.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, UNIONISTS.
 Burrard—S. J. Crowe.
 Cariboo—F. J. Fulton.
 Comox-Alberni—H. S. Clements.
 Kootenay East—Dr. G. S. Bonnell.
 Kootenay West—R. Green.
 Nanaimo—J. C. McIntosh.
 N. Westminster—W. G. McQuarrie.
 Skeena—In doubt.
 Vancouver Centre—H. H. Stevens.
 Vancouver South—Major R. C. Cooper.
 Vancouver City—Dr. S. F. Tolmire.
 Westminster Dis.—F. B. Stacey.
 Yale—M. Burrell (acc.).

ONTARIO, UNIONISTS.
 Algoma East—G. B. Nicholson.
 Algoma West—T. E. Simpson.
 Brant-Norfolk—John Harold.
 Brantford—W. F. Cookshutt.
 Bruce North—H. Clark.
 Carleton—George Boyce.
 Dufferin—J. A. Brest.
 Dundas—O. D. Casselman.
 Durham—N. W. Rowell.
 Elgin East—D. Marshall.
 Elgin West—Hon. T. W. Crothers.
 Frontenac—Dr. J. W. Edwards.
 Ft. William—Capt. R. J. Manion.
 Glengarry—J. McMartin (acc.).
 Grenville—Hon. J. A. Reid.
 Grey North—W. S. Middleboro.
 Grey Southeast—R. J. Ball.
 Haldimand—F. R. Lalor.
 Halton—Dr. R. K. Anderson.
 Hamilton East—Major Gen. S. C. McBurn.
 Hamilton West—T. J. Stewart.
 Hastings East—T. Thompson.
 Hastings West—E. Gus Porter.
 Huron North—J. Bowman.

Kingston—W. F. Nickle.
 Lambton East—J. R. Armstrong.
 Lambton West—F. P. Pardee.
 Lanark—Dr. A. E. Hanna.
 Leeds-Brockville—Sir Thos. White.
 Lenox-Addington—W. J. Paul.
 Lincoln—J. A. Chaplin.
 London—H. Cronyn.
 Middlesex East—S. F. Glass.
 Muskoka—P. McGibbon.
 Norfolk—W. A. Charlton.
 Nipissing—C. R. Harrison.
 Northumberland—C. A. Manson.
 Ottawa—A. E. Fripp.
 Ottawa—J. L. Chabot.

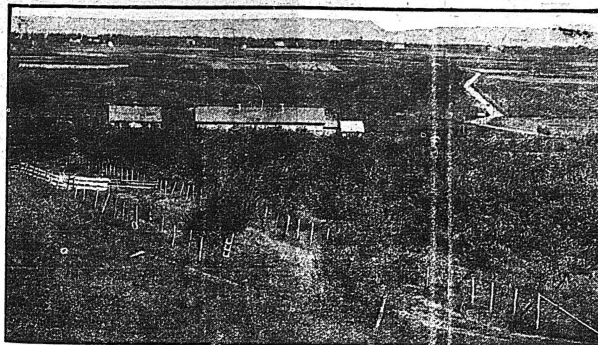
Ontario North—Lieutenant-Colonel S. Sharpe.
 Ontario South—Wm. Smith.
 Oxford North—E. W. Nesbitt.
 Oxford South—D. Sutherland.
 Parry Sound—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Arthur.
 Peel—Sam. Charters.
 Perth North—H. B. Morphy.
 Peterboro East—J. A. Sexsmith.
 Peterboro West—J. H. Burnham.
 Port Arthur-Kenora—F. N. Kuefer.
 Prince Edward—B. R. Hepburn.
 Renfrew North—Colonel H. J. MacKie.

Simcoe East—J. H. Tudhope.
 Simcoe North—J. A. Currie.
 Simcoe South—W. A. Boys.
 Temiskaming—Hon. F. Cochrane.
 Toronto Centre—E. Bristol.
 Toronto East—Sir A. E. Kemp.
 Toronto North—Sir George Foster.
 Toronto South—Dr. C. Sheard.
 Toronto West—H. C. Hockin.
 Toronto-Parkdale—H. M. Mowat.
 Victoria—Sir Sam Hughes.
 Waterloo North—F. S. Scott.
 Welland—E. E. Frazer.
 Wellington South—Hon. Hugh Guthrie.

Wellington North—W. A. Clark.
 Wentworth—G. C. Wilson.
 York East—S. Foster.
 York North—J. A. M. Armstrong.
 York South—F. W. McLean.
 York West—T. Wallace.

LIBERALS.
 Bruce South—R. E. Truax.
 Essex North—W. E. Kennedy.
 Essex South—Robt. Atkin.
 Huron South—T. McMillan.
 Kent—A. B. McCole.
 York North—C. C. Ross.
 Perth South—Wm. Forrester.
 Prescott—Edmond Proulx.
 Renfrew South—Isaac Pedlow.

ACADIANS OF TO-DAY

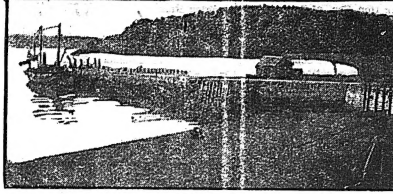


An Acadian Home.

RICH in its history of strong men and heroic women whose stirring adventures by land and sea set the imagination aflame, appealing in its wild scenery of lakes and streams and wooded hills, charming in the lawns and hedges and shady streets of its villages and towns, the country from Yarmouth to Digby, Nova Scotia is the Mecca of the historian, the sportsman, the painter, the geologist, and the vacation seeker. In this land, which ever to-day abounds in rivers and lake, teeming with luscious, leaping fish, and is clothed with forests of fir, pine, hemlock and spruce, home of deer, moose and bear, the Indians must have lived from time immemorial. Such a paradise for the hunter must have been the subject of song and story among the redskins.

And here too the Norsemen came full five hundred years before Columbus set out in his three tiny ships. Urged on by their dauntless spirit the wild Norsemen drove their galleys far south and west from Iceland till they reached the land which a no less hardy race were later to name Nova Scotia. It was at Yarmouth they landed; and two mighty boulders, bearing inscriptions in Runic, now may be seen near the town of Yarmouth—lasting evidence of that daring adventure made near one thousand years ago.

And then came those intrepid adventures from France, De Monts and



Partridge Island, PARSBORO, N.S.

Champlain in 1604; Charles de la Tour and his Huguenot wife—"a woman, who by her gentle breeding and beauty, her heroism and her misfortunes, was destined to win the most romantic immortality in our history." Left in charge of her husband's fort, she inspired her noble band of followers, was overcome by intrigue alone when attacked by her husband's rival, and died of a broken heart after being forced to watch her followers hung while she stood with a halberd around her neck.

The Acadian farmers flourished in this land until 1778, when they were expelled by the English, and only the ugly scars of their cellars told of their houses which had once been there. Six years later came families from New England, adventurous, indomitable and hardy pioneers. It was

their descendants who later built hundreds of the fastest sailing ships, sailed them to the seven seas and built up mighty fortunes which now show themselves in magnificent residences set in beautiful surroundings of lawns, hedges and trees.

But the Acadians returned; and today for miles the west villages of their descendants skirt the shores of Fundy Bay, from Yarmouth to Digby. The descendants of the Acadians have cultivated the soft marsh lands and fresh water meadows, preserving the simple manners, customs and language of their ancestors.

And here one finds fifty miles of rugged storm swept coast, lofty beetling cliffs, coves like volcanic craters—wider than the dreams of a mad poet.

Russell—Hon. Chas. Murphy.
 Waterloo North—W. D. Enler.

QUEBEC, UNIONISTS.
 St. Anne—Hon. C. J. Doherty.
 St. Antoine—Sir A. Ames.
 St. Lawrence—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne.

LIBERALS.
 Argenteuil—P. R. McGibbon.
 Bagot—J. E. Marcell.

Beauce—H. S. Beland (acc.).
 Beauharnois—J. Pagnieu (acc.).
 Bellefleur—J. R. Poirier.
 Berthier—A. Eremont.
 Bonaventure—Hon. Charles Marcell.
 Drom—A. R. McMillan.
 Chambly—J. Archambault.
 Champlain—A. L. Desautiers.
 Charlevoix—Pierre Casgrain.
 Chateauguay—J. Robt.
 Chicoutimi—Dr. L. Savard.
 Compton—A. B. Hunt.

Dorchester—J. L. Casson.
 Drummond—O. Brodillard (acc.).
 Gaspé—Hon. R. Lemieux.
 George Cartier—S. W. Jacobs.
 Hochelaga—Dr. J. E. Lesage.
 Hull—J. E. Fontaine (acc.).
 Jacques Cartier—D. A. Lafortune.
 Joliette—J. A. Dubau.
 Kamouraska—E. Lapointe.
 Labelle—H. A. Fortier (acc.).
 Lapriarie—R. Lanetot.
 L'Assomption—P. A. Sequin.

St. John City and Co.—R. W. Wigmore.
 St. John City and Co.—F. B. Carvell (acc.).
 York-Sunbury—H. F. McLeod.

LIBERALS.
 Gloucester—A. Turgeon (acc.).
 Kent—A. T. Leger.
 Northumberland—John Morrisey.
 Restigouche—P. Michaud.
 Westmoreland—A. B. Copp.

NOVA SCOTIA, UNIONISTS.
 Colchester—F. B. McCurdy (acc.).
 Digby-Annapolis—A. L. Davidson.
 Pictou—Sir Robert Borden.
 Shelburne and Queen's—W. S. Fielding (acc.).
 Yarmouth—E. K. Spinney.

LIBERALS.
 Antigonish—John Sinclair.
 C.B. Victoria—D. D. McKenzie.
 C.B. South and Richmond—G. W. Kye.
 C.B. South and Richmond—W. F. Carroll.
 Cumberland—H. J. Logan.
 Hants—L. H. Martel.
 Inverness—Dr. Chisholm.
 Lunenburg—Wm. Duff.
 Pictou—R. H. McKay.

Christmas seems to have been first observed between 180-190 A.D.

Oxen kneel in the stall at midnight on Christmas, says English tradition. They kneel as if in adoration of the Nativity.

Old Christmas fare did not include the turkey, now the modern Christmas bird. In the olden days a roasted peacock took its place on the festive board.

BANK OF MONTREAL
 ESTABLISHED 100 YEARS (1817-1917)
 Capital Paid up - \$16,000,000
 Res - 16,000,000
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, LIBERALS.
 Kings—J. K. Hughes.
 Prince—Jas. Head.
 Queen's—A. B. Warburton.
 Queen's—John Sinclair.

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 Charlotte—Thos. A. Harrt.
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 WISH THEIR MANY CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND A
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

GETTING READY FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

We are preparing for the Christmas Holidays already. It may be a little early for you to do any Christmas Gift buying, but it's not too early in the season for us to remind you that we are getting ready with a fine assortment of

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Our stock this year will be as usual very complete in all the following lines:

Perfumes in bulk and bottles. Toys. Kodaks. Chocolates and Bon-Bons. Smokers' Supplies. Toilet and Manicure Sets. Children's Picture Book. Brush and Comb Sets. Games. Magazines. Christmas Cards and Booklets. Fountain Pens. Books. Leather Goods. Albums.

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JNO. A. CARSWELL,
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We extend to our readers A Merry Christmas and all the joys of this festive season, and in doing so we can not let this opportunity pass without thanking the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the blessings bestowed upon the human race by the giving of His only Son to mankind. His birth and sacrifice are well known to us all. He died for us, and His example is being followed by many of our noble sons who are laying down their lives for the great principles He taught. The story of the birth of Christ has lost none of its power: the star, the wise men, the shepherds, Bethlehem, and the manger at the inn are all well known to us. The greatest event in the history of the world takes place in the most humble manner. Yet, as a writer says, "there is no story told by human lips to man or child, among all races, and in all tongues, that calls forth the same response. Only God lead us through war to a clearer conception of the message of Christ for the world, and a greater determination to follow Him whithersoever He leads."

CANADA'S PART IN THE WAR.

The Canadian people have refused nothing that was needed for the successful prosecution of the war.

Men were called for and more than 400,000 crossed the Atlantic to fight with the Canadian Expeditionary Force. Many thousands more joined Imperial Units and thousands of Canadians are serving with the Royal Navy and still other thousands with the Flying Corps.

The call came for munitions. Canada surprised herself, the Empire and the world by her great production of munitions of various kinds and the various kinds and the rapid organization of factories to increase such output.

Money was needed. Millions of dollars beyond the expectation of any one were subscribed to Government War Loans. Millions more were raised for patriotic fund and Red Cross purposes.

More ships were required. Ship yards on the Atlantic, the Pacific, and the Great Lakes are today engaged in the construction of vessels.

Conservation of food became necessary and the people of Canada are conserving food. It is difficult to change our habits but it is being done. Wheat is being saved by the use of corn and other cereals. Pork and beef are being saved by the increased consumption of fish. Much has already been done and the effort is becoming more general and the results more gratifying.

The call has now been sounded for increased production of food. The need is very great if the Allies are to be given the support from this country which they require. With all the accessible forces of food now exhausted, and a grave shortage in the present supply to meet the demands before the next harvest, the situation calls for a tremendous effort.

The outlook for production of food

stuffs in Europe next year is distinctly unfavorable. France has been dependent upon intensive cultivation of land, which in turn has required the abundant use of fertilizers, but since the beginning of the war the available supply of fertilizers in Europe has deteriorated until today it is incapable of large production. The 1917 cereal harvest in France was less than half that of a normal pre-war year. In Great Britain, much new land has been brought under cultivation by the aid of tractors, which have also been used to some extent in France, but there is little prospect of much improvement in production in Europe while the shipping shortage prevents the transportation from overseas of nitrates, phosphates and other fertilizing supplies. Indeed, the Allies must be prepared for even poorer crops in 1918 than those of the current year.

Canadians have not failed in their response to the other calls, nor will they fail in this great responsibility of helping to feed the Allies by increasing production. No longer is it a question of doing our bit. Each and every one of us must do his or her utmost to produce and conserve food. Let us send the message to the "Battle Front," "Trust Canada," and then put forth all our powers to make good that promise by producing every possible ounce of food.

YOKE OF SULTAN IN THE FAR EAST BROKEN FOR EVER

ALLENBURY'S ENTRY TO JERUSALEM HAS TOUCHED HEARTS OF CIVILIZED WORLD.

London, Dec. 21.—Gen. Allenbury's entry into Jerusalem profoundly shook the hearts of the British people and the event figured conspicuously throughout the press. "Deliverance" was the word used to describe what happened, and it is assumed that the deliverance will be permanent. "Jerusalem," said the Times, "Jerusalem in all the ages has been the most sacred spot on earth to countless millions. There the Divine Author of their faith taught the great truths which are the well-spring of all that is holiest and best in civilization, and there He suffered and died. For well over thirteen centuries it has remained, with relatively brief intervals, in Mussulman hands, and for 400 years Turkish sultans have been its lords."

HOLY TO THE MOSLEMS.

"To the Moslems, too, it is a holy place, though the tradition of its sanctity is no longer a living force among them in India and in the outer world. For the Jews, on the other hand, whatever may be the hand of their exile, its memories are imperishable. Allenbury's victory means that the yoke of the Turk has been broken for ever. The Sultan will dominate the holy places no more. The scattered Jews will have a prospect of returning as a free people to their nation at home, and a new order will be established founded on ideals of righteousness and justice."

Dr. L. J. Greenberg, editor of the Jewish Chronicle, recalls the fact that the fall of Jerusalem occurred on the Hebrew date the 25th day of Kislev, the anniversary of the day when Judas Maccabaeus conquered Jerusalem and purged the temple of Greek idolatry. It is the first of an eight day feast and a grave shortage in the present supply to meet the demands before the next harvest, the situation calls for a tremendous effort.

The outlook for production of food

CITY COUNCIL MEET

The City Council held its adjourned regular meeting on Thursday evening last with Aldermen Collier, St.-E., Dr. Harvey, Galt, and Lord in attendance, and His Worship Mayor Geo. W. Smith presiding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from the Provincial Medical Health Officer re the case of Infantile Paralysis, asking the city to look after any other cases that may arise outside the city limits.

The solicitors wrote regarding the case of the Western Electric Company's special franchise case. They seemed to have arrived at an agreement with Mr. Ford, but he raised the contention that he wished to have included in the judgment the franchise and all other physical assets, which the solicitors will not agree to. If they do not arrive at an agreement they will have no alternative but to have costs taxed.

A letter was read regarding help for Halifax sufferers from A. P. Campbell, acting Hon. Sec. of Calgary, asking the city to co-operate, but the city was unable to attend meeting. The Commissioners wired them suggesting that the Victory Loan Committee be asked to act in the matter.

After some discussion the following motion was passed:

Moved by Mr. Collier and Dr. Harvey, seconded by the Mayor and Sec.-Treas. of North Red Deer, and Mr. E. Michener, be a committee to organize the local constituency for Halifax relief.

W. J. Wright wrote the Council tendering the city \$4,050 in full of taxes on Lots 21-22-23, Block F, Parkvale. This sum was all he owed, he contended. The cheque did not cover \$9.95, which is a franchise tax for slide bank in rear of his property, and which he contended he had no right to pay. The Council did not feel disposed to accept this offer and the account will be sued if necessary.

A number of financial firms of Canada wrote thanking the Commissioners for the annual financial statement sent them.

W. I. Slayton and Cowley, Toledo, Ohio, wrote the Commissioners congratulating them on the city's financial statement. They desired to know if the city would care to take up payment of treasury notes due on July 1st.

The Commissioners replied the city did not care to take up these bonds before maturity as the city's finances could be conducted more satisfactorily by having these funds on hand in the bank.

Mr. Porrie, deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs wrote the Council that no steps will be taken at the forthcoming session of the Legislature to pass a City Act. There will, however, be a bill brought down for a general act dealing with all matters relating to tax enforcement. This act will make the procedure under which our municipalities can enforce payment of taxes uniform throughout the province.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Commissioners brought up the following report:

The Council, City of Red Deer, Gentlemen:

We brought for the City at a Sheriff's sale, one barrel of tar, road plow, alp scraper, tar kettle, two wheelbarrows, small shed, small articles, and about six tons of coal at a total cost of \$53.20. City Engineer Dave prepared plans for the connection of the C.P.R. water main with the City system. These were delivered to Mr. McGregor, C.P.R. Superintendent, on the 6th inst.

All water services in the City have been inspected and occupants where taps were leaking have been notified to have them fixed.

The case of infantile paralysis in the isolation hospital has been discharged. One other case has been reported since in the City.

We recommend the following to be written off the books:

Armoury, \$23.60, cost of bulwarking done several years ago.

B. & A. Trimble, \$9.00 balance of costs charged against tax roll.

Public School, 1/2 acre block 37, \$45, charged in error on tax roll.

Public School, 3/4 acre, block 37, \$215, charged in error on tax roll.

Public School, block 6, N.R.D., \$29.25, charged in error on tax roll.

St. Joseph's Convent, 1-1 Block 7, Riverview, \$2.13, charged in error on tax roll.

Western Gen. Electric Co., 2 1/2 acres Sec. 20, \$14.44, charged in error on tax roll.

H. H. Gaetz, 1-2, Block 29, \$5.38, charged in error on the tax roll.

City of Red Deer, 27 ft. 1, bl. C. Woodless, \$18, charged in error on tax roll.

Nazarene Church, 12-13, M. P. Woodless, \$11.22, charged in error on tax roll.

Mrs. E. Smith, 12, bl. 3, 21, Fairview, \$2.21, charged in error on tax roll.

McLean Bros. business tax, \$108, uncollectable, left Red Deer.

Kingston Hotel, arrears business tax \$75, uncollectable hotel closed last year.

Dr. C. C. Grant business tax \$10.00, uncollectable, left City.

W. Stock, business tax, uncollectable, left Red Deer.

Wright Hardware Co., business tax, \$48.00 uncollectable, gone out of business.

We recommend that the cost of retreating wall on Michener Hill be charged to unexpended debenture account.

We submit departmental reports for November.

We submit accounts for your authentication to the Council.

We submit, statement of receipts and disbursements for November. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. SMITH,
A. T. STEPHENSON,
Commissioners.

The report was adopted. Monthly reports from the Fire Chief and Chief of Police were read and filed.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts were passed:

West. Gen. Elec. Co.	\$ 24.30
Day Hardware Co.	5.55
J. E. Fleming	5.00
L. A. Bennett	5.00
Hewson and Sons	5.00
J. Halstead	7.00
Dr. McEwan	4.00
A. Amundson	5.55
November Wage Sheet	33.70
Soc. Public School	2400.00
Mrs. W. Marlon	105.00
Soc. Public School	1700.00
Baldwin, Dow & Baldwin	75.00
Soc. Public School	1700.00
City of Red Deer	84.95
Cushing Bros	26.08
Geetz-Cornett Co	7.85
McLevin Bros	1.50
A. Ryfe	2.54
Hopworth and Trimble	1.70
J. R. Claugton	2.00
Imperial Bank	206.52
Bank of Commerce	247.00
Merchants Bank	847.20
A. McPherson	1.00
Munro and Baines	6.00
J. Halstead	5.00
Bank of Montreal	226.00

Receipts.

Current taxes	\$ 529.12
1915 taxes	351.37
1915 taxes	73.65
Cemetery	139.00
Dog taxes	4.00
Interest	21.50
Rent	2.00
Miscellaneous	25
Water rates	305.05
Sewer and Water deposit	25.00
Lands redeemed	15.46
C. Trimble	119.20
Sandries	49.91

\$1726.51

Disbursements.

Board of Health	\$ 23.40
Cemetery	26.48
Fire Department	169.88
Fuel and Light	184.56
Interest	139.82
License and Police	172.40
Miscellaneous	5.00
Office Expenses	277.50
Parks Maintenance	23.30
Printing and Advertising	105.65
Public Schools	4700.00
Public Works Maintenance	132.24
Salaries	135.00
W.W. Maintenance	81.55
Debenture Coupons	1534.74
Sewer Construction	34.30
W.W. Construction	58.83
Retaining wall	638.32
Relief	69.90
Sundries	81.20

\$8593.49

Moved by Aldermen Galt and Dr. Harvey.

Resolved that in view of the urgent request of the government for the increase of hog production in order to save the entente allies to some extent the matter, that the matter of slaughtering the city and provincial regulations prohibiting the keeping of hogs within the city limits be referred to the Commissioners, the solicitor, and the Medical Officer of Health to report at the next meeting. Carried.

Ald. Lord intimated that he would be absent for a few weeks, and outlined what would be his stand on certain matters which would be dealt with by the Council during his absence. He felt that the procedure adopted by the Council on the collecting of taxes last year would be followed. He contended that as the assessment had been reduced he could not see how we could avoid increasing our mill rate. Last year it was 22 1/2. He thought we would have to increase our mill rate to at least 25 mills, and perhaps to 26 or 27 mills.

After some further discussion the Council adjourned about 11 o'clock.

BENTLEY

"WHAT BILL SAYS."

We had a forcible illustration one day last week of how intensely cold it was. As Mr. Pettet was passing the post office his shadow congealed and froze to the brick wall. A call was immediately sent in to the fire hall, the brigade were promptly on the spot, when hose was connected with the C.P.R. switch engine. The liberal use of steam assisted by four hose most muscular citizens armed with crowbars soon released the shadow, when Mr. Pettet proceeded joyfully on his way.

He confided to one of our reporters that in future he intends to go in for fire control and so lessen the area of shadow exposed to the atmosphere. When Mr. Jas. McNeil heard of Pettet's near call he promptly cancelled his last order for Chinook 2 per cent, and has gone in for strict clothing.

Mr. Broughton believes in being exact, whether in the realm of mechanical engineering or in his daily conversation with the world. The other day he visited one of the city schools and heard a class reading. The reader proceeded, "the travellers 'groped' up the mountain, pining up the 'stop' said Mr. B., 'now, my boy, what is a great darkness?' 'Very great darkness, sir.' 'Very true, but that definition is vague, not as exact as it should be, try again.' 'Very intense darkness, sir.' 'Tut, tut, my

boy," proceeded J.W., "has your teacher given you no better idea of great darkness?" "No, sir." "Well, my boy, how many are there in a dozen?" "Twelve, sir." "Very good, now, how many dozen in a gross?" "Twelve dozen, sir." "Correct, now, twelve times twelve make how many?" "One hundred and forty four, sir." "Quite right, my boy. Now you know what darkness is? You have seen darkness?" "Yes sir." "Well, then, my boy, take that darkness and multiply it one hundred and forty-four times and you will have exactly gross darkness. It would greatly help you children to understand if your teachers would take the trouble to explain common terms and expressions in this simple way.

Some time ago one of our neighbors built a new barn, and he got the lumber from the Great West Mills. We have seen recently and asked him if he got the kind of lumber he ordered. "You bet you," he answered, "I told them I wanted tip top lumber, and that was what I got. Tip top lumber from the tip top of the tree, forty knots to the board."

The association of municipal delegates have appointed a committee of ladies to visit the leading citizens of Bentley and procure from the owners of greenhouses, etc., gifts of flowers and ornamental shrubs to decorate the city and depot at the forthcoming official opening of the Lacombe and Hamilton Valley R.R. The train on the railroad is to be run by a gas engine fed with hot air. W. F. Puffer will supply the hot air at the Lacombe end and when the line is completed to Rimbey. Sam of that ilk will supply the fuel at that terminus. In the meantime, the city will be on the spot to hand out hot air at Bentley for the return trip to Lacombe. The Grand Central depot at Bentley is a very spacious building. It has been built on a scale that will provide any chance of overcrowding. It is about the same size as Ray Millers implement shed, which adjoins, and that is so large that his machinery is always housed wherever left on a rainy day.

Brother Cole of Bentley has been so touched by appeals for the Victory Loan that he has decided to do his bit. Being naturally full of the milk of human kindness he has decided to go to the front as a nursing sister.

The wife of a Methodist minister in West Virginia has been married three times. Her maiden name was Partridge, her first husband was named Partridge, her second husband Sparrow, and her third husband was named Sparrow. There are two young Robins in the family. One grandfather was a Swan and another a Jay, but he's dead now and a Bird of Paradise. The live on Hawk Avenue, Eagleville, Canary Island, and the fellow who wrote this is a Lyre and a member of the family.

The foregoing was written before the 17th, and now we can breathe again. In this poll and the south there are a number of English and Scotch, these are the true white plumes. In this poll one Scotman and in the other one Englishman voted for Union. The others voted for Laurier, not from any conscientious principles, but because they believed if Laurier got in there would never be a chance of their being called on to fight for the freedom of the world. Harry Laurier gave the French-Canadians a piece of his mind as to their stand in the war, what would he say to those Scotch? In this poll we had a beautiful instance of an attempt to vote with the fox and hunt with the hounds. One enumerator was asked to name a deputy returning officer. He asked a neighbor (a Swede) who has always been a strong liberal, how he felt about this election, and was told that he was right out for winchewer, and meant to give his vote to Clark. So his name was sent in. That delightful cold snap came on just when the distribution of the ballot boxes should have taken place and the man who should have taken them balked the job, as he did not care to get frozen in the interests of his country. This made a delay of a few days, and a new man was sent off with the boxes. He distributed the boxes through the Medicine Valley and returned to Bentley to take another round. When there he was notified, "Don't give ballot box to Z," he is canvassing on the sly for Puffer, got another returning officer. He got another returning officer, then Z came out openly as a Puffer man, and burned gasoline all over the neighborhood canvassing votes. No person believes that Puffer's agent knew Z was trying for returning officer when he paid him to go and canvass. If it could have been delayed the delivery of ballot boxes that scandal would have got his box. The tale of his duplicity in being canvassed by the "Z" was never very highly thought of, but now he is considered below contempt. It has often been said that he could be bought with a plugged nickel, but his valuation is now reckoned an overestimation of value.

MARRIAGE

TRACHER WANTED—For Springvale School District, No. 219, holding first or second class certificate. Salary \$65 per month. Duties to commence January 7th, 1918.—Apply to W. P. Code, Sec.-Treas.

STRAYED on to the premises of E. Hill, Hill End P.O., S.E. 1/4 sec. 18, Town 36, Range 26, with one Black Polled Steer, brockle face, three years old. Branded double rowlock on left ribs, also branded reversed G surrounded by half diamond 301 to 320, both inclusive, of the RURAL MUNICIPALITY ACT, as taken away. Ship, ship, ship, waited on bracket.—Thos. J. Walton, brand reader. Dec 12

TEACHER Wanted by the Valley Centre School District, No. 517, holding 1st or 2nd class professional certificate for Alberta. State salary experience, and references. Apply W.H. Purdie, Sec.-Treas., Hillsdale P.O., Alberta. Dec 12

STRAYED on to the premises of the undersigned a two-year-old bull, Red with dark head and with white spot on flank. No visible brand. Will owner please call, pay expenses, and take it away. G. E. Wood, on Tr. Eanton's place, Poplar Ridge. Dec 12

SPECIAL NOTICE!
Local Improvement District 339

The attention of the Ratepayers of the above District who have not paid or worked out their taxes, is drawn to an amendment to the LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT, whereby the provisions of sections 301 to 320, both inclusive, of the RURAL MUNICIPALITY ACT, as to distress for taxes and proceedings for forfeiture of lands for non-payment of taxes, shall apply to lands under the LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ACT.

These sections are too long to be given in full, but the following is an outline as to forfeiture of lands for non-payment of taxes, and the Council intends to take full advantage of its new powers to collect all outstanding taxes.

All lands against which there are any arrears of taxes will be placed on a "TAX ENFORCEMENT RETURN" during January; this return, when audited, is submitted to a Judge of the District Court for confirmation.

When the "TAX ENFORCEMENT RETURN" is confirmed by the Judge, and registered in the office under Land Registration District, the ownership of lands on the return is vested in the Local Improvement District, free from all liens and encumbrances.

If after ONE YEAR, the taxes, costs, expenses, etc., against the lands have not been paid, it becomes the absolute property of the Local Improvement District, and subject to the approval of the Minister, may be sold, leased or otherwise disposed of by the Council on such terms and conditions as it may fix.

For the purpose of giving information with regard to this new law, and for the receiving of taxes, paying wages and accounts, and the transaction of Local Improvement District business generally, I will be at my office, Room 3 upstairs, T. A. Gaetz Block, 38 Ross Street, Red Deer, daily (Sundays and holidays excepted), until further notice.

J. W. HEY.

Secretary/Treasurer Local Improvement District 339.

Room 3, upstairs, T. A. Gaetz Block, Red Deer.

WOOD & WALKER, Penhold

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

IN THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT

New Season Fruits, etc., for Xmas Cakes and Puddings.
Currants, recondensed, in bulk and packets.
Raisins, Muscatels and Sultanas.
Raisins, Seedless and Seedless, in packets.
Pecans, Orange Lemon, and Citron.
Spices and Flavorings.
Icing and Brown Sugar.
Mince meat, Shelled Almonds, and Walnuts.
Cocoa and Unsweetened Chocolate.
Fruits for the Table.
Apples, B.C. No. 1 and 2, Wagner's and Grimes Golden.
Grapes, Emperor Tokays.
Figs and Table Raisins and Dates.
Oranges, Bananas, and Grapefruit.

CHILDREN'S PRESENTS.

Toys, Games and Books.
Flash Lights, Mouth Organs.
Brownie Cameras, Watches, Handkerchiefs.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

Holls, Fancy Paper, Crepe Paper and Paper Napkins.
Christmas Candles.
Christmas Ribbons.
Christmas Cards.

CHINA DEPARTMENT.

Royal Nippon China, consisting of:—
Cream and Sugar Sets.
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A Merry Xmas to all

WE ARE PLEASED TO CONTRIBUTE SPACE FOR THIS RED CROSS APPEAL.

It took him just as he went up over the trench parapet—took him full in his bare and muscular throat. It was hardly bigger than one of those rubber erasers tinned to the ends of lead pencils. But with the driving power behind its steel-jacketed nose it was an altogether competent and devilishly capable agent of destruction. He lay quite still, a few yards ahead of the trench where his rush had carried him. The morning drew towards noon. * * * With night came the beginning of his torment. First it was thirst, then fever, then delirium. Always his spilling wound burned and throbbed. Then, with the rain beating down upon him, his agony spoke in screams. * * * A stretcher party found him and trundled him away, down through the line of Red Cross units, from dressing station to field base, eventually to Paris. * * * He was French, but he was fighting our fight. He was French, but his counterpart may at any time have been a Canadian. There are bullets enough for all. He may be a boy you know, perhaps a neighbor's boy, even your own. Fighting our fight. * * * Will you help him, when our fight has broken him, to fight his? Will you help him, when his young body and vivid force are spent and shattered, to retrieve what he may? Join the Canadian Red Cross—the wounded soldier's truest ally. It is his minister and guardian. It is his hope. Join the Local Chapter—it has only a portion of the membership it should have. Take a two dollar membership, a five, or ten dollar one—a hundred dollar one if you can. Do your part. If you cannot go, you can give. Those going are giving immeasurably more.

A Prosperous and Contented New Year

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Having leased the above Hotel I ask for a share of public patronage.

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NOTICE

Having taken over the agency for the Spirilla Corset and Brassieres, I will be pleased to supply to all old and new customers these goods. Any lady wishing orders taken right away kindly write to P.O. Box 443, or 143, Fourth Street. Ladies from the country will find me each Saturday afternoon at my room, No. 2, upstairs in the News Block.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. CLUTTERBUCK,

Nov. 7-1ml

L.I.D. 371.**WARNING TO LAND OWNERS.**

Change was made by the last Provincial Legislature in the Local Improvement Act, whereby all lands in arrears of taxes due Local Improvement District will be placed on a "Tax Enforcement Return" during the month of January and later sold for Taxes.

WILL YOUR LAND BE SOLD?

We suggest that you look the matter up and if you owe the Local Improvement District 371, pay it off before December 31st, 1917. If you are not sure as to the amount due, mail me a postcard, giving the location of your land, and I will furnish you with a statement of your Local Improvement Taxes due.

Dated at Sylvan Lake,

This 10th day of December, 1917.

E. S. GILMISON,

Secretary-Treasurer, L.I.D. 371.

Dec.12-3

MOUNT ROYAL MATERNITY HOME

will be open to receive patients after November 15th, by the week or month. Terms reasonable. Phone 273. P.O. Box 456.

Nov 14-4w

ANTI-FREEZE FOR AUTOMOBILES

Call on JOHN ARCHER, opposite the Ford Salesman, Gaetz Ave., N. and have Anti-Freeze put in your radiator. It won't freeze, won't boil as quickly as water.

POULTRY WANTED

By December 15th, 1917, I must get 6,000 of Live and Dressed Poultry, consisting of Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, and Poultry, for which I will pay the

HIGHEST CASH PRICE

Call at the old stand and get my prices, or during the day phone No. 4, or in the evening phone No. 136. Get your poultry on the market while the getting is good.

G. W. BALL.**NOTICE**

I wish to make the announcement that I have sold my Blacksmith business to Mr. Chas. Wilkie, of the City of Winnipeg, who takes it over on January 1st. Mr. Wilkie has served his King and Country at the front, was wounded and returned to Canada as being unfit for further service, but after a year's rest he was able to take up a position with the government as Instructor in the Convalescent Home in Winnipeg, from where he comes to Red Deer, and I trust that he will receive the same liberal patronage that has always been given to me, and for which I wish to thank my patrons most heartily.

W. SPRINGBETT.

MEN WANTED everywhere to show Samples or mail circulars for large Mail Order House. Permanent position. Will pay \$20 weekly. The Consumers' Association, Windsor, Ontario.

Dec.15-1*

LETTER FROM THE FRONT

Rev. and Mrs. J. Bennett have just received the following interesting letter from their son John, who left Red Deer with the 18thth:

Dear Dad and Mother:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am still alive and well. I didn't write you last Sunday because we were in the move, and I wasn't in a very pleasant place to write. Lately we have been up amongst the mud and shells in that part of the fighting area that was famous in the earlier part of the war. It is so muddy that it is almost impossible to have trenches, and the fighting is mostly done through these "mud boxes", that Fritz built. I suppose you have read about them in the papers. Our boys attack one of these and capture them then turn them into their own use. They are built of concrete and are practically shell-proof. In this part of the line they are a lot of horses, and although they are quite a piece back, like us, they are sometimes unfortunate.

I have seen quite a few air fights his last week, and although it is terrible it is very exciting to watch them, saw Fritz come over in some of his planes, and he dropped a few bombs pretty close to some of our dug outs. Our artillery fire is excellent, and although reports from other countries are not so favorable, we certainly have Fritz beat here. Every little while we slip across and snatch a little more ground from him, and soon I expect we will have him where we want him. Lately we have passed through quite a few desolate shell-torn towns and villages, and to look at them, it all looks like a story. It will take quite a long time to get them all built up again.

As you see by this paper we still have the old Y.M.C.A., and they certainly do good work here. Quite often we get free tea and hot food from the Y.M.C.A., and although it may not sound very much to you at home, it sometimes counts a whole lot here. We still have our old reliable friends the ice to content with, and they are a world pest. It is impossible to keep dear of them. At present we are staying in an old barn amongst the soya and chickens. You make a fellow think about home when he looks at all the stock.

My mail is not coming very good at present. I haven't received one of those parcels that you mention. They must be going astray as I haven't had one since I came to France. I suppose you will have all your train thrashed by this time, and you will buy at the wood hauling. Well I think this is a story for this time, from Your loving son,

JACKIE BENNETT.

Horticultural Society Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Horticultural Society was held in the City Hall on Wednesday evening. Officers elected for the current year were:

Hon. President—E. Michener, M.P.P.

President—P. W. Galbraith, re-elected.

1st Vice-Pres.—E. S. Hogg.

2nd Vice-Pres.—John Reid.

Secy-Treas.—Edward Wilton, re-elected.

Horticulturist—Jas. Cole, re-elected.

Directors—Mrs. Steen, Mrs. Bawtin-

winer, Mrs. Moore, G. W. Smith, W. P. Coote, C. H. Stone, W. G. Brown, P. S. Graham, D. G. Horn, C. C. Gamble.

The financial statement showed a deficit on the year of \$4.42.

The Society has some \$50 to the good in cash, treasuries, etc.

Mr. T. S. Miller gave a most valuable paper on some of his horticultural experiences. Mr. Miller began gardening for the first time in Red Deer ten years ago.

MISS MENGES' RECITAL

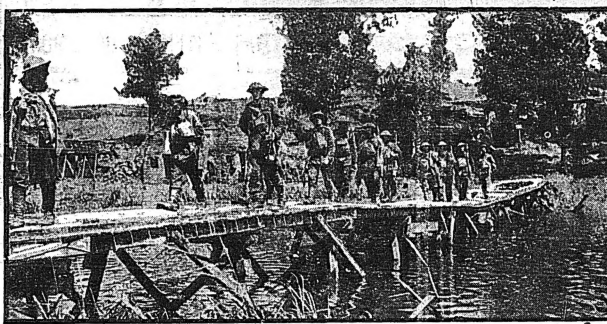
Once more Mr. Welton and the choir of the Methodist church have earned the deep and lasting gratitude of the music-loving public of Red Deer in bringing before them Miss Isolate Menges, violinist. The recital given by this artist on Saturday night was so beautiful it is difficult to say enough in praise of it.

Miss Menges is a truly great artist. Her technique is wonderful, but the great beauty of her performance is that she so thoroughly appreciates the compositions, and that her playing is a means of interpreting them to her audience, and not of calling attention to herself. She seems to regard herself merely as a means of communication between the composer and the audience, and not to be conscious of herself at all. No class of composition had any terrors for her. She was equally at home in the interpretation of a Handel Sonata, a lullaby, or a hunting song.

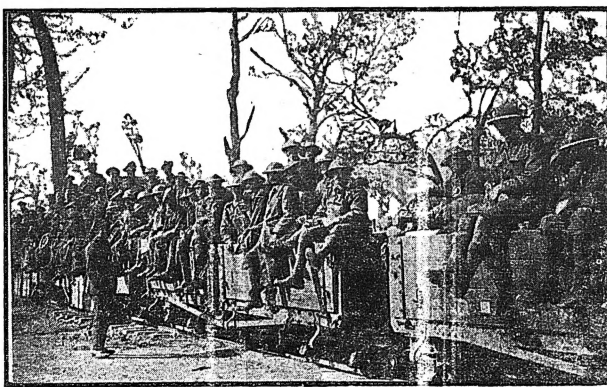
Miss Menges made an innovation by singing a few songs of her own composition before she played. This proved a great help to the understanding of the pieces, and might well be imitated by other players.

Miss Menges made a very pleasant impression personally. One felt that even if she did not play, she would still be a fine girl and a valuable member of society. It is earnestly to be hoped that on her next trip, she can be persuaded to return to Red Deer where the warmest of welcomes will greet her.

The audience were very appreciative and only a fair number were out, especially considering the very low prices. The choir have undertaken to pay for the transportation and for some new surplices, and when they bring an artist of high rank they have to pay accordingly, and need the support of the congregation and the public.

BATTLE OF MENIN ROAD

Battle of Menin Road.—Infantry crossing the stream after having driven the Hun back.



Welsh battalions being conveyed to the front.—They fought magnificently in the storming of Zonnebeke—gaining a line of their objectives.

Photos by courtesy of C.P.R.

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE**Election of Officers and Financial Report**

The annual meeting of the Red Deer Woman's Institute was held on December 7th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. W. E. Lord

1st Vice-President—Mrs. H. G. Stone

2nd Vice-President—Mrs. H. G. Stone

Secy-Treas.—Mrs. J. G. Fulton

Directors—Mrs. Whitehouse, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Caraman, Mrs. H. L. Gaetz, Mrs. Houghton, Tea Room Convenor—Mrs. D. Smith, Relief Committee—Mrs. Greig.

The Secretary-Treasurer's report of the Red Deer Branch of the Woman's Institute for the year 1917 was as follows:

Madam President and Ladies:

In presenting the Secretary-Treasurer's report for the year 1917, I am pleased to report a most successful year from every standpoint. During the year two regular meetings have been held with an average attendance of 15.18 members. The list of paid up members includes forty names.

We decided early in the year not to arrange any regular programme of papers and addresses, but to devote all our time to relief and patriotic work also to spend part of our time for Red Cross sewing. This work included: furnishing a ward in the hospital, adopting a prisoner of war, and cheques to Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance and Canadian War Contingent fund.

The sources of income from which our funds were derived are as follows:

Tea room, large and small teas, percentages from tea room, membership fees, St. Patrick's supper, cake contest, catering to hospital, Red Cross tag day, and raffle of caseroles.

The money handed in from same, together with a full statement of receipts and expenditures for the year appear in the financial statement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SCEGHRA G. LOHED, President.

M. JENNIE CORNETT, Secretary-Treasurer.

Disbursements:

Expenses of Tea Room \$ 27.75

Old stove 13.62

Relief relief 50.00

Belgian Relief 100.45

Delegates expenses, 2 years to convention 11.00

Lending Y.M.C.A. 84.50

Membership fee Local Council 2.00

Overseas Tobacco Club 10.00

Room at Hospital 82.97

Tags for "Tag Day" 25.25

Red Cross 412.05

Stamps 1.00

Twine for tags63

Rent Parish Hall 5.00

Prisoners of War 7.50

Canadian War Contingent 25.00

Red Cross Tag Day 302.05

Bank interest 2.41

Cake contest 19.40

Bonspiei 106.25

Red Cross Tea 40.70

Cash in Bank \$ 832.09

Less outstanding cheques 84.50

Total \$ 937.00

Receipts:

Cash on hand \$ 30.79

Membership fees 10.00

Government grant 10.00

Donation of potatoes 7.50

Donation in money25

Percentages from Tea Room 33.95

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Federal Department of Agriculture, acting for the Food Controller, has had an opportunity to purchase at the export price offered to millers. The grade called "A" screenings are the class of feed being offered to feeders. They consist chiefly of cracked wheat, oats, buckwheat, wild oats, and other grains, but are separated screenings, and do not include dark seeds. A considerable supply of this feed is now held by the Federal Department of Agriculture and is available for immediate shipment to feeders.

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is co-operating with the Federal Government by undertaking to receive applications for supplies of this feed, and to attend to its distribution. It is available only in car lots, either to individuals or co-operative groups. Co-operative groups may be such farmer's organizations as the United Farmers' Association, the Agricultural Societies or any other group which may co-operate simply for the purpose of securing these supplies. Shipments will be made on usual feed terms, namely: sight draft attached to bill of lading. Accepted cheque for \$100.00 which will be returned on completion of the sale must be sent with order.

Applications may be made to J. D. Smith, Sub. Seed and Weed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

TEACHER WANTED for Waskasoo School District, No. 686. Salary \$100 per month.—W. R. Ellenwood, Sec. Treas., Red Deer. Dec.12-3

WANTED—A good General Servant. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Parsons, First Street, South. Dec.12

BUSINESS MAN requires room and board in a fully modern house. State terms, P.O. Box 299. Dec.12

WANTED—Needlework, sewing, and mending of all kinds. By day's work or at home. Moderate prices.—Apply Mrs. Loquet, Box 205, Red Deer. Nov. 21

Produce More Bacon**SCREENINGS FOR HOG FEED**

The Provincial Department of Agriculture will receive applications from individuals or co-operative associations for the purchase of screenings for feeding purposes. Only "A" screenings available and in car lots. Write or wire for further information and prices to J. D. Smith, Superintendent Seed and Weed Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, Alberta.

HON. DUNCAN MARSHALL,

Minister of Agriculture,

Edmonton, Alberta.

H. A. CRAIG,

Deputy Minister of Agriculture,

Edmonton, Alberta.

BRUMPTON & GAETZ LIMITED**COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON**

We have some very pretty Neck Ties for Men at prices ranging from 25c. to \$1.00. They are right up to the minute in style, and will make very acceptable presents.

MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS are also acceptable. White ones at 50c., 75c., 85c. and \$1.00 each. Bandanas, beauties at, each \$2.00

MUFFLERS: Some of these are perfect beauties, as the price might suggest; from \$4 down to \$1.50. Our range of these is out of the ordinary, and worthy of your attention.

FANCY GIFT SUSPENDERS: Ask to see the "Extra Special" at, per pair 75c.

MEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c., 35c., 40c.

MEN'S GREY FABRIC GLOVES, with black stitching on backs—something suitable for any season, and a nice gift. Per pair \$1.25

MEN'S LINED SUEDE GLOVES, per pair \$2.00

MEN'S LINED MOCHA GLOVES, per pair \$2.50

Chamoisette (or Leatherette) Gloves, in white with black stitching, and grey. These are really splendid and serviceable goods, very reasonably priced, \$1.25

Women's Cape Glove, per pair \$3.00

Children's Lined Leather Mitts and Gloves, At \$1.35 and \$1.75

White Fleece Lined Gloves, 75c.

Women's Wool Gloves, English make, 65c. and 75c.

Children's Red Wool Gloves, 60c.

Children's Heather Mixture, 40c. and 60c.

Children's Black and White, 50c.

LADIES' SILK STOCKINGS in red, pink, blue, grey and black and champagne, at \$1.00 and \$1.50

SILK KIMONAS, Japanese goods, at \$7.75 and \$8

LADIES' WAISTS: Coral Georgette Crepe waists, green embroidery, \$6.75

Maze Georgette waists, fancily trimmed; also flesh and rose colored, at \$6.50 to \$8.00

Every Ear Recognizes the Tonal Beauty of the Goulay

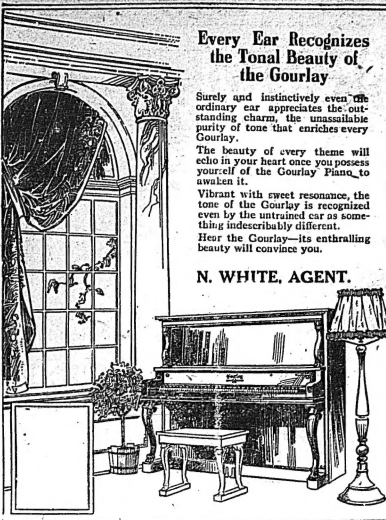
Surely and instinctively even the ordinary ear appreciates the outstanding charm, the unassailable purity of tone that enriches every Goulay.

The beauty of every theme will echo in your heart once you possess yourself of the Goulay Piano to awaken it.

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MAIL CONTRACT.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday, the 11th January, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, twice per week each way, over Mirror No. 1 Rural Route, to commence at the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Mirror, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector.

A. W. CAIRNS,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Edmonton, 30th November, 1917.

NOTICE.

To John Henry Hendrickson,
formerly of Rocky Mountain House,
Alberta.

TAKE NOTICE that proceedings under the Land Titles Act has been commenced against you by The Trusts and Guarantee Company, Limited, through their solicitors, Messrs. Payne and Graham, by which the mortgagee claims payment of the sum of \$600.70 with interest at the rate of eight and one-half per cent. per annum from the first day of November A.D. 1917, and the costs of this proceeding, in respect of a mortgage made by you and covering the North West quarter of section thirty-three (33), Township thirty-nine (39), Range Six (6), West of the Fifth Meridian, in the Province of Alberta.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the mortgage will apply for sale of the mortgaged property if the arrears of interest and costs are not paid within two months from the date of the publication of this notice.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that in case such sale should prove abortive, then the said mortgagee will after such default shall have continued for six months after the time mentioned in said mortgage for payment, make an application to the Registrar for an order foreclosing the interest in the said lands, of you and of all others claiming through or under you.

PAYNE & GRAHAM,
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Approved: "H. J. DAWSON,"
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Snappy Xmas Stories

SANTA'S CHRISTMAS

By MARY Q. ARNOTT.

Lindenette struggled vainly with the tears that squeezed at last through tired eyelids. It was not often that the brave little housekeeper gave way to grief, but in the present moment she seemed unable to control her emotion.

In the next room childish voices prattled joyously. Lindenette had not found the heart to tell them that Christmas would have to come and go without the much-heralded visit from Santa Claus. Since the loss of both parents, Lindenette had managed to keep a roof over the heads of her small brother and sister and had provided food for their slight frames. What did it matter if her cheeks had lost their roses and her lips their cherry bloom? The smile lingered. That was all that mattered.

She brushed the tears aside and rose to answer an unexpected summons to the door. She looked her surprise at the great man who stood on her tiny porch.

"I have come in search of one Linden Lane," the stranger said with a smile to which the girl responded.

"The name is unusual," admitted Lindenette, "and my own is even more impossible—being Lindenette Lane. May I ask you in from the cold?"

She opened the door and Marvin Goodwin entered the pitifully barren room into which she led him. His eyes followed the girl rather than the contents of the room.

Two small, pale faces peered at him from the kitchen door, and Lindenette smiled at them.

"Do I look like Santa Claus?" he asked them by way of breaking the ice.

"No, you don't," returned the boy, bluntly. "Besides, Linda says it may be too cold for Santa Claus to come out this year." There was a wall from the little sister, and the boy strove vainly to conceal his disappointment at this announcement.

Linda gave them each a hug and told them to run along. When they had gone she turned to Goodwin with inquiry in her eyes.

"My errand is a pleasant one," he said quickly, for his own voice was none too controlled. "I will add to your happiness, I know." He drew a memorandum from his pocket and after consulting it, asked: "Your father, Linden Lane? Did he live in Stillwater, Minn., 22 years ago?"

"Yes," replied Linda, with a flush of excitement lending roses to her cheeks. "I was born there."

"Then to come directly to the point," Goodwin told her, "we find two deposits of \$25 each in two of our banks there. One Linden J. Lane opened the account 22 years ago."

Linda laughed softly. "My father used always to fear bank failures, and put small amounts in many banks." She turned sparkling eyes upon Goodwin. "We've accumulated along without any effort on his part as if he had been some sort of delightful fish bird. He leaned away out of the window, not feeling a bit afraid of falling, and looked down upon the street."

Yes, down there on the street, as plain as day, he could see the reindeer shaking their long horns and prancing until the bells that seemed almost to fill the air with their musical jangle. And then there was a great gleam of red. Somebody was climbing into the sleigh! There was the echo of a jovial voice coming along with the reindeer, quivering joyfully, then the whole turnout seemed to leap into the air, and like a flash was gone!

Teddy rubbed his eyes. It was funny! He thought he was at the window but here he was in bed. He sat up and looked around the room. The fire in the grate had gone out, but the gray light of the morning came beginning to steal through the curtains. Teddy slid out of bed and crept to the fireplace.

The stockings were bulging in all directions, as had been their exhilarating wont in other years! He put out his hand and touched one of them gently. It was no dream! The stocking was full to overflowing.

With a little sighing, whispering wheeze of joy and relief Teddy clasped his hands until the knuckles showed as white as the snow outside. Then, with a cry of absolute delight he dashed into his mother's bedroom.

She opened a pair of sleepy eyes at the sound of the rattling little feet. Teddy threw himself upon her, laughing and sobbing.

"Oh, mother, mother, mother!" he cried. "He came after all! Santa Claus did it! Santa Claus did it!"

"He did, he did, he did!"

PLENTY OF PROOF

By O. F. WOODRUFF.

Teddy sat upon the top step of the stairs that led to the street and rested his chin in the palm of his hand. Some of the fellows came along and hauled to him, but Teddy didn't answer. He didn't want to play with the fellows just now, for he was battling with a great sorrow.

Tom had said it, so it must be true, for Tom was eight years old and didn't have to go to bed until eight o'clock. Teddy's hour for retiring was half past seven, and he realized that the extra half hour made a man of the world out of Tom, while it left the unfortunate Teddy still a baby.

Tom had stuck his hands into his pockets—Tom's trousers were lovely and rough, just like his father's—and had swaggered around telling all the fellows that there wasn't any Santa Claus. When questioned further, he had said that there used to be, but that this year there wasn't going to be and there never would be again.

No Santa Claus! If Teddy hadn't been six years old, he might have cried, but of course one as old as he never cried.

Teddy wondered if he'd better tell his mother. He decided he wouldn't. Why should his mother, whom he loved so dearly, be made to suffer any longer than was necessary?

It was hard, though, during the next two weeks, which seemed like years, like the wife one who was, did not press the question. She merely drew up her low rocking chair and sat beside the bed until she thought Teddy was asleep and then crept quietly downstairs.

Teddy lay for a long time after she went, watching the freight flicker on the walls. He couldn't go to sleep, and besides, what was the use, when there wasn't anything to make up for?

A good many tears rolled out of the corners of his eyes, but he didn't care now.

He must have been there for about four or ten hours, he thought, and had just shut his eyes to rest them from the light, when he heard a sound, a very little bit of a sound. He sat up quickly in bed and listened eagerly, because it sounded, he thought, like a sleigh-bell.

In a minute, he didn't know just how, he was leaning out of the window.

He didn't feel as if he had walked there at all, but more as if he had just climbed along without any effort on his part as if he had been some sort of delightful fish bird. He leaned away out of the window, not feeling a bit afraid of falling, and looked down upon the street.

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BESSIE'S PLEA.

"Say, mamma, please don't make any fire in my bedroom grate," begged little Beattie.

"Why, you'll freeze."

"I don't mind being cold, just so long as Santa will be able to find the chimney all right."

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE.

When Christmas draws near every French family in easy circumstances sends for a cask of wine and lays in a stock of oranges and lemons. Those who have enemies pardon each other; marriages are fixed; married pairs who have been separated are reunited.

A Christmas Offering

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It is unfortunate to carry anything forth from the house on Christmas morning without something has been brought into it.

If the fire burns brightly on Christmas morning it betokens prosperity; if it smoulders, adversity.

DEPENDS ON THE MAN.

A woman under the mistletoe look mighty unconscious if the man is in sight.

PRISON FOR SLACKERS.

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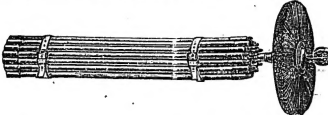
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